

DESIGN THE PROCESS

A steering committee, representative of the community, creates the rules in partnership with city officials to ensure the process is inclusive and meets local needs.

Iterate the process and spread the word for next year.

BRAINSTORM IDEAS

Through meeting and online tools, city residents share and discuss ideas for projects.

DEVELOP PROPOSALS

Volunteers, usually called budget delegates, develop the ideas into feasible proposals, which are then vetted by city experts.

CAST A VOTE

Residents vote to divide the available budget between the proposals. It's a direct, democratic voice in their city's future.

FUND WINNING PROJECTS

The city implements the winning projects, such as laptops in schools, Wi-Fi in public parks, or traffic safety improvements. The city and residents track and monitor implementation.

